



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
SC Ports Authority Office
Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 25, 2017.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 16-6427-NRP, will affect approximately 6.4 acres (1.7 acres highland) located at 176 and 186 Concord Street, Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 459-00-00-009 and 459-00-00-0091. A company known as Leucadia Coast Properties LLC (Leucadia), wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Leucadia.

The property is the former location of shipping wharves used for storage and transport of coal. A portion of the Property was used by the US Navy for a ferry service and included a laboratory. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. Leucadia intends to develop the property for a hotel, commercial spaces, parking, restaurant and a public park and walkway. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Leucadia to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold Leucadia responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Leucadia will test soil, groundwater, and sediment on the property. If significant contamination is found, Leucadia will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Leucadia did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Leucadia will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 25, 2017. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov , telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.